COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SEAL

The Island of Puerto Rico is 100 miles long and 35 miles wide.

Christopher Columbus discovered Puerto Rico called Borinquen by the Indians, on November 19, 1493.

Puerto Rico became a possession of the United States as a result of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

The people of Puerto Rico were made citizens of the United States in 1917. Since 1948 elect their own governor.

The Island of Puerto Rico purchases now over $1,000,-000.00 a day from the United States.

Spanish is the predominating language of Puerto Rico, but English is generally spoken.

The average climate of Puerto Rico is 73 degrees in Winter and 76 degrees in Summer.

Puerto Rico has all year round sports — baseball, tennis, golf, swimming, horse racing, dog racing, basketball, cock fighting, yachting, fishing, etc.

The first governor of Puerto Rico was Juan Ponce de Leon, discoverer of Florida, whose remains are in the old Cathedral in San Juan.

The population of Puerto Rico is 2,250,000 inhabitants.

The largest cities of Puerto Rico are San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez.

The city of San Juan was one of Spain's most strongly fortified places in the New World.

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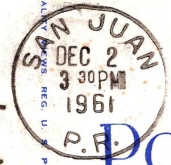

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